

MEF POSTA _____ Deployment Brief



MPS FROM OKINAWA

- **FREE TO AFGANISTAN (FPO/APO)**
- **NO SPECIAL SERVICES ALLOWED FOR MPS (INSURED, CERTIFIED, DELIV CONF, ETC)**
- **MUST PAY POSTAGE & SPECIAL SVCS FEE IF DESIRED**
- **SPECIAL SVCS AVAILABLE: INSURANCE, REGISTERED, DELIVERY CONFIRMATION, CERTIFIED, ETC.**

Type of Mail Available in OEF

- MPS (NO POSTAGE)
- FIRST CLASS (13 oz or less) “Letter Mail”
 - **Averaging about 7-10 days for delivery**
- PRIORITY (Over 13 oz. up to 70 lbs.)
 - **Recommended for sending packages.**
 - **Average's 7 to 10 days for delivery time in AOR.**
 - **FLAT RATE BOX (\$10.95 regardless of weight)**
(Great Value)
- PARCEL POST (Over 2 lbs. up to 70 lbs.)
 - **Slowest/Cheapest way to send packages.**
 - **Average's from 10 to 15 days for delivery.**
- MOTO MAIL (Email to Hard-copy letter) May not be available in certain areas or if using a APO address.

TIPS FOR PROPER **PACKAGING :**

- Use **NYLON FILAMENT FIBER TAPE** or **MAILING TAPE** only. **Masking tape and scotch tape are NOT AUTHORIZED.**
- Place all **LIQUID**'s items such as salsa, lotion, and beverages in separate zip lock bags to avoid spillage during transit.
- Always use the **SMALLEST** box possible with proper packing.
- Always use **DURABLE** boxes when mailing.
- Use **BUBBLE WRAP / STYROFOAM POPCORN** when sending breakable items.
- Package all items **TIGHTLY** to help avoid them shifting & breaking during transit.



TIPS FOR PROPER PACKAGING

- Never send **BULKY** items in an envelope (i.e., KEYS, RINGS, CASSETTE TAPES).
- Place a copy of the **RETURN** and **ADDRESSEE'S ADDRESS** inside the parcel.
- Remove all **BATTERIES** from electronic devices.
- Use **INSURANCE** on packages that contain valuable items valued over \$51.00 going to and from here and the deployment site.

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

- All mail weighing **OVER 16 OUNCES** must be presented to a post office for mailing.
- All parcels being sent **FROM, TO or BETWEEN** an APO/FPO must bear a **completed** customs form.
- To assist customs and prevent damage to your package, include **KEY and/or COMBINATION** for all locks when mailing sea-bags, foot lockers, etc.
- Custom forms must be filled out in **DETAIL** with **proper address formats**.

MAILING RESTRICTIONS

- **ALCOHOL, AMMUNITION**
- **OBSCENE MATERIAL** (pictures, magazines, nude or semi-nude).
- **PORK** and **PORK BY-PRODUCTS.**
- **LARGE QUANTITIES** of material contrary to the **Islamic** belief.
Quantities for personal use are permissible.
- For **additional restrictions**, contact your local military post office.

Any Questions?

- **Consolidated Postal System**
 - **637-2468**
 - **637-0123**